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Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 17, and ending at page 10, line 2, and replace with the following:

Likewise, although the previous embodiments show an extensive passageway, the cutting mechanism could simply be a pair of blades (42, 44) through which the control line 2 is run as shown in Figure 6. The blades (42, 44) act to cut the control line 2 as the first member 16 and second member 20 separate from one another. Further, the cutting device could be independent of the motion of the first and second members (16, 20). For example, as shown in Figure 7, the cutting device can comprise a solenoid 46 driven cutter 48 that cuts the control line 2 regardless of the motion of the other safety sub components. The solenoid could be replaced by a hydraulic cylinder or some other drive mechanism. Some embodiments of the invention are independent of the means by which the tubing is parted, and therefore can be used if means, other than those described herein, are used to part the tubing.

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 3, and ending at page 18, line 7, and replace with the following:

An apparatus includes a first member, a second member releasably attached to the first member, and a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member. The first and second members can each have a longitudinal bore therethrough and can be moveable in an axial direction to release from one another. The control line shear mechanism may comprise a first shear member attached to the first member and a second shear member attached to the second member, wherein the first and second shear members are adapted to cooperatively shear a control line as the first and second members separate. A method includes separating a first member from a second member and, before or during the separating step, cutting a control line proximal to the point of separation of the first and second members.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the previous version of claims 1, 12, and 28 with the following clean version:

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1. (Once Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a first member;
a second member releasably attached to the first member; and
a control line shear mechanism disposed proximate an interface between the first member and the second member.

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12. (Once Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a first tubular member;